

News-item "Credentials of Patel Chest Institute Director Questioned"

3969. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Credentials of Patel Chest Institute Director questioned", which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 31st March, 2001;
- (b) if so, his reaction thereto;
- (c) whether it is proposed to have the entire matter inquired into;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) what further steps are proposed to be taken to rectify the alleged irregularity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute (VPCI), Delhi is a maintained Institution of University of Delhi under Ordinance XX(2) and administered by a Governing Body constituted by the Executive Council, University of Delhi. In the light of the above news-item, the matter was examined by the University of Delhi and it was found that the Director of the Institute fulfils all the qualifications prescribed by the executive Council of the University and the requirements of the Medical Council of India, for the post of Director, VPCI and hence there was no irregularity of any kind in the appointment of the Director of the Institute.

Specific policy on population control

3970. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have a specific policy for population control as the population today has reached about 103 crores;
- (b) whether Government have received any specific suggestions to make law for giving rewards and facilities to one child couple and punishment for the couple having more than two children; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?